

Specialist Training Certificates

Training for Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Public Safety Professionals

The California Emergency Management Agency's California Specialized Training Institute (Cal EMA/CSTI) has trained first responders and emergency managers in all phases of emergency management for over 35 years. Cal EMA/CSTI offers one of the most well recognized and comprehensive specialized training programs in the nation. Programs include disaster preparedness and response, terrorism prevention and response, law enforcement tactics, disaster mitigation and recovery, and WMD/hazardous materials response. Currently, Cal EMA/CSTI offers several training certificates:

- Emergency Management Specialist
- Terrorism/Homeland Security Specialist
- Crisis Communications Specialist
- Emergency Services Coordinator
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Hazardous Materials Specialist
- Hazardous Materials Certified Instructor

Emergency Management Specialist (7 Courses)

Required Courses (4):

- Introduction to Emergency Management in California – Earthquake
- Disaster Planning
- Disaster Mitigation
- Disaster Recovery

Elective Courses (Any 3):

- Terrorism I – International Terrorism
- Enhanced Exercise Design
- Crisis Communications and the Media
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Emergency Management/Homeland Security for Business and Industry
- Managing Sustained Operations
- Other approved CalEMA/CSTI courses

Terrorism and Homeland Security Specialist (6 Courses)

Required Courses (3):

- Terrorism I – International Terrorism
- Terrorism II – Domestic Terrorism
- Terrorism III – Advanced Counterterrorism Strategies

Elective Courses (Any 3):

- Terrorism Intelligence Analysis
- Emergency Management/Homeland Security for Business and Industry
- Terrorism Liaison Officer
- WMD Response and Recovery for Public Health Professionals
- HM Technician/Specialist: Terrorism
- Other approved CalEMA/CSTI courses

Crisis Communications Specialist (5 Courses)

Required Courses (3):

- Crisis Communications and the Media (CCM): Level I (Includes Basic PIO)
- Crisis Communications and the Media: Level II
- Crisis Communications and the Media: Level III

Elective Courses (Any 2):

From the CSTI *Specialist Training Certificate Program Approved Elective Course List*

Cal EMA/CSTI – Certified Training & Exercises Professional Preparedness for Managing California's Disasters

A coordinated response to human caused and natural disasters is critical to saving lives and protecting property. Through its training programs, Cal EMA/CSTI has set the standard for effectively managing and coordinating the response of emergency response personnel throughout California. Cal EMA/CSTI programs provide an opportunity for all public and private organizations involved with disaster preparedness, management, and response – law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical, public health, public works, utilities, schools, private industry, volunteer organizations, and many others – to train and exercise together. Cal EMA/CSTI Certified Training offers these benefits:

Standardized and Customized Training

Cal EMA/CSTI emphasizes training for local and state agencies while also providing training to federal agencies, private sector, and volunteer organizations. Cal EMA/CSTI also hosts course attendees from other U.S. states and nations. Cal EMA/CSTI offers over 100 types of open enrollment standardized training courses. Cal EMA/CSTI also routinely designs and delivers customized training for the specific needs of jurisdictions, organizations, or other special groups.

SEMS and NIMS Compliance

Cal EMA/CSTI ensures that its training (including that of its certified outreach instructors) meets the requirements of the respective California Government Code sections and federal Homeland Security Presidential Directives pertaining to the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Several Cal EMA/CSTI courses are approved by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and therefore tuitions, backfill and travel costs incurred by participants may be reimbursed with Homeland Security Grant Program funds.

Professional Standards

Cal EMA/CSTI training further meets several standards identified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Some courses also provide continuing education units for health and medical professionals

FEMA Dual Certification

Upon completion of designated CSTI courses, participants can also meet the requirements for various courses offered in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Professional Development Series (PDS) and Advanced Professional Series (APS).

College Credit for CSTI Courses

Cal EMA/CSTI has entered into an agreement with California State University (CSU) system to jointly offer selected courses that will provide academic units applicable to degree programs.

Cal EMA/CSTI – California's Official Source of Certified Training from the California Emergency Management Agency

Pursuant to California Government Code, California Emergency Management Agency, through its Training Branch, the California Specialized Training Institute, is responsible for training "state agencies, cities, and counties..." to "...minimize the impacts of disasters and other massive emergencies..." This includes training emergency responders and managers for response to terrorism, WMD, or hazardous materials events.

Cal EMA staff the positions of the State Training Officer (STO) and the State Exercise Officer (SEO) and serve as California's principle training and exercise liaisons to the Federal Department of Homeland Security and FEMA.

Cal EMA/CSTI – Curriculum Advisory Groups Ensure Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction

Cal EMA/CSTI maintains several curriculum advisory groups, including groups for the Emergency Management, Terrorism and Homeland Security, and Crisis Communications Specialist training programs. For current curriculum advisory group point-of-contact information, please contact the Cal EMA/CSTI Chief of Emergency Management Training.

Cal EMA/CSTI faculty also chair the state's SEMS Training and Exercise Specialist Committee, the SEMS/NIMS Credentialing Committee, and the Hazardous Materials Curriculum Advisory Committee to ensure that Cal EMA/CSTI curriculum is current and in compliance with state and federal standards.

Credit for Past Training

Former Cal EMA/CSTI course graduates may receive credit towards specialist certificates for previously attended Cal EMA/CSTI courses. Verification of Cal EMA/CSTI course completion certificate or transcript is required in order to receive credit for past training. Academic credit can not be granted for prior courses.

Application Process

For information on the application process, please contact the **Specialist Certificate Coordinator** at:

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Need More Information?

For more information about all of Cal EMA/CSTI courses and training and exercise services, please call our main line at **(805) 549-3535** or visit our website at www.calema.ca.gov/CSTI.